



Hunter Mill Highlights

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 Supervisor Cathy Hudgins**

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Hunter Mill Highlights is my electronic newsletter. Please share this issue with your organizations. To be added to our mailing list, e-mail me at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The end of the year is a time for both looking back and looking forward. This year the Hunter Mill District has added new sidewalks and trails, new athletic field lights, school renovations. We watch as rail to Dulles takes shape and concluded planning for a new skatepark and pedestrian bridge. Looking forward, we still face significant challenges that we will meet head-on, especially with transportation and our County budget. I will continue to focus on finding solutions that unite us as a community and make Fairfax County such a high quality place to live, work and play.

Once the holiday season is over, the work on the County's FY 2012 budget begins in earnest. Inside on page 3 you will see a notice seeking participants for the Hunter Mill District Citizen Budget Committee. This group provides insights and a local perspective to guide me in making decisions on this year's budget. From the preview given by County Executive Tony Griffin, this year continues the financial challenges we have weathered in the last few cycles. If you are interested in serving on the Hunter Mill committee, please get in touch with my office at 703-478-0283 or email us at hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov

This issue of the **Hunter Mill Highlights** contains information on fun opportunities to enjoy in Fairfax County this holiday season along with ways you can remember those in our community who are less fortunate. Your contributions are most welcome!

Earlier this week, we welcomed residents and friends of the Hunter Mill district at our annual Holiday Open House. Thank you for coming and taking time to share in a moment of fellowship with me and my staff. And, a big thanks to the local merchants that contributed to the festivities with their gifts of food for us to enjoy.

My staff and I extend our best wishes to you this holiday season and for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Cathy Hudgins

Thank you, Stu, for your years of service to the Hunter Mill District

Stuart Gibson, long-time member of the Fairfax County Public School Board, ends a distinguished career representing the Hunter Mill District. Stu has served on the School Board since the beginning of elected representatives in 1996. He did not seek re-election and finishes up his term this month. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.





From Pat Hynes:

Hunter Mill representative to the Fairfax County Public School Board

For those who don't know me, I was recently elected to succeed Stu Gibson as Fairfax County School Board member for the Hunter Mill District. I will begin my term on January 1.

As a Fairfax County teacher, former PTA parent and twenty-year resident of Fairfax County, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to represent Hunter Mill on the School Board for the next four years. I will quit my teaching job at the end of this month to avoid conflicts of interest, but I plan to do all I can to stay in close touch with teachers, students and families in this community. I also know, from knocking on thousands of doors during the campaign, that most of our citizens do not have children in the schools. I will work hard to keep in touch with everyone who has an interest in the well-being of our students and educators. We are very fortunate to live in a place where public schools are valued and supported by all.

One of the strongest supporters of public schools I know is our Hunter Mill Supervisor, Cathy Hudgins. I look forward to working very closely with Supervisor Hudgins to pursue every opportunity for the School Board and the Board of Supervisors to join forces and continue to make our schools even better. We have already had conversations about kindergarten readiness, family support and safe routes to schools. Supervisor Hudgins and I share a passion for community schooling as a way to weave schools more effectively into the community and provide better wrap-around services for families of young children.

I thank Stu Gibson for his sixteen years of service to our children and our schools. I am working hard to get up to speed, but I know I have a ways to go to catch up to Stu's expertise, if I ever do. I hope I can count on the residents of Hunter Mill to keep in touch with me and always let me know what is going on "in the field." My School Board email address is pmhynes@fcps.edu and it will be operational on January 1!

Pat Hynes



Colts Neck Road Sidewalk Project Completed

The Colts Neck Road sidewalk project was completed on November 15 by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. It was delivered to the citizens of Fairfax County on time and on budget. This project provided for approximately 1,500 linear feet of new concrete sidewalk, curb cut ramps, pavement marking and related items. It provides an important link between neighborhoods and the Hunter Woods Village Center. There will be much more pedestrian/walkway projects to come in the new year! Before and after photos below.





County's FY 2012 Budget Work Begins

On October 29, 2012, at a Board of Supervisors Budget Committee meeting held with the Fairfax County School Board, County Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin gave his preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Forecast. Mr. Griffin stated that in his Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Presentation he would like to address an estimated increase in the transfer for schools, county compensation, and debt service. In order to address the projected \$144 million shortfall, the County Executive told the Board of Supervisors he will take several actions:

- Analyzing proposed agency reductions for 1%, 3%, and 5% of their FY 2012 expenditure level;
- Examining possible fee increases;
- Utilizing reserves (\$28.7 million reserve available for FY 2013 as of the FY 2011 *Carryover Review*);
- Maximizing savings and increased revenue in the current fiscal year; and
- Critically reviewing new funding requirements.

As part of his presentation Mr. Griffin stated the FY 2012 Budget is \$3.4 billion, of which 61.6% is generated by the Real Estate Tax and 52.5% was transferred to Fairfax County Public Schools. He also stated that General Fund spending has increased only \$24.9 million, or 0.7 percent, since FY 2007. In the last three years, the County has eliminated 499 positions, maintained the contribution to schools at 53% of the total budget, funded required increases in debt service and benefits, and after no compensation increases in FY 10 and 11, provided a 2.0% market rate adjustment for all employees as part of the FY 2011 Carryover Review last September.

Unemployment Rate	Sept. 2010	Jan. 2011	Sept. 2011
Fairfax County	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
Virginia	6.5%	6.9%	6.4%
Nation	9.6%	9.1%	9.0%

Mr. Griffin also pointed out that the national unemployment peaked at 10.1% in October 2009, and the Fairfax County unemployment rate peaked at 5.6% in January 2010. Prior to the economic downturn the county saw an unemployment low of 2.9% in 2008.

Fairfax County is one of only 8 states, 39 counties, and 33 cities that currently have a Triple A bond rating by the three major rating agencies. This rating has provided savings to the County of over \$486 million.

Hunter Mill District Citizen Budget Committee

I am once again looking to work with residents on the Hunter Mill District Citizens Budget committee to provide guidance during the FY2013 budget process. The Committee will begin meeting in January 2012, prior to the County Executive's budget presentation, and continue meeting throughout the budget process, making recommendations at the Public Hearing on the Budget. If you are interested, contact the Hunter Mill District office - 703-4780-0283, or hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Budget Facts

- 61.6% total General Fund revenue comes from Real Estate Taxes.
- FY2011 General Fund budget is \$3.4 billion: 52.5% goes to Fairfax County Public Schools.
- Triple A bond rating from three major agencies provided savings to the County of over \$468 million.
- Dillon Rule limits locality's flexibility to raise revenue and diversify tax base.
- Since 1992, all or a portion of employee compensation increases were eliminated in 5 fiscal years (FY1992, FY93, FY2010, FY2011, FY2012). 2.0% market rate adjustment was approved for employees as part of the carryover review.
- Ratio of County positions per 1,000 residents has decreased from 13.57 to 11.09, an 18.3% decrease. At the same time, the County has opened a number of new facilities including police and fire stations, SACC centers and human service facilities.
- In the last three years, the County has
 - * Eliminated 499 positions
 - * Maintained the contribution to schools at 52.5% of the total budget
 - * Funded required increases in debt service and benefits.

Ways to Support Our Community and Contribute in Fairfax County



The Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) has developed a wonderful website highlighting ways you can support County programs and services this holiday season. Their [12 Ways of Giving](#) website has links and information on a variety of opportunities including support for libraries, animals, early childhood education, tree canopy and seniors and adults with disabilities.

Fairfax Family Fun and Frolics

There's plenty to do in Fairfax County over the holiday season, especially in our award-winning Parks. Here's a sample of the fun for kids and adults alike;



Snow Show Puppet Program: Frying Pan Farm Park , 2709 West Ox Rd, Herndon

Bring your holiday guests and join Master Puppeteer Bob Brown in a holiday production of the **Snow Show** at Frying Pan's Visitor Center., Thursday, December 29, 10 a.m. The 40-minute program will delight children ages two and older. It's a fun frolic through a winter wonderland with a variety of lively marionettes. Cost is \$4 per person. Call 703-437-9101 for information.



Celtic Band IONA: Sully Historic Site - 3601 Sully Road, Chantilly

Audiences at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly will be treated to a performance by one of the top-rated pan-Celtic musical groups in the world, IONA, on Wednesday, December 28, at 2 p.m. IONA's Scottish fiddling, driving percussion and strong vocals have created a large following. Their show features original acoustic arrangement of traditional Celtic music from the British Isles, Ireland, Brittan and Galacia and the band shares the history and cultural background of the music with audiences. Tickets are \$10 per person, reservations are required. Call 703-222-4664, or reserve your spots online through [Partakes](#).



Riverbend Park Winter Camps: 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls

Riverbend Park offers one-day nature-oriented camps at their wooded park for children to connect to the natural world. Each six-hour camp shared the wonders of nature through hands-on experiences, games and activities. All camps begin at 9:30 a.m. and cost \$75. [Register online](#) or call 703-759-9018.

Tuesday, December 27: Zoology - Science Behind Animal Lives

Seven to ten-year olds study the biology and habits of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects of the Mid-Atlantic region. Participants learn how and where these critters live.

Wednesday, December 28: Mad Science Winter Workshop

Participants ages 8to 12 become mad scientists through hands-on experiments and activities. They'll discover the wonders of science in nature and everyday objects. Kids should be ready to make things ooey and gooey.

Thursday, December 29: Deer Detectives

Children ages 8 to 12 help a naturalist look for signs of deer. Participants will identify deer habitat, make a viewing blind, and snap pictures of wintering residents up close.



Friday Night Rock 'n' Skate: Reston Town Center Ice Skating Pavilion

Every Friday night from 8 to 11 p.m., with a live DJ until 10 p.m. and games and prizes until 11 p.m. Call 703-709-6300 for admissions and rental rates.



Winter RECQuest: Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston

Winter RECQuest is a structured drop-in program for children in grades 1-6, operating December 27th to 30th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include having fun while participating in arts and crafts, cooperative games, technology, community service projects, field trips, and more. Fees are on a sliding scale based on income. Contact Southgate at 703-860-0676 for details and registration.



Status of Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

Fairway Apartments Redevelopment Proposal: The Fairway I & II Residential LLC (Applicant) Planned Residential Community (PRC) Plan (**PRC A-502-2**) has been revised. The Applicant is now proposing a reduction in the market rate units from 940 to 806/reduction of 134 units and phased development. Fairway West will consist of approximately 570 residential units in a mix of townhomes and wood-frame multifamily construction, with the proposed high-rise tower with above grade parking being eliminated. Fairway East will consist of 233 residential units in a mix of townhomes and wood-frame multifamily construction. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this application on July 21, 2011. The Board of Supervisors' public hearing scheduled for September 27, 2011 was deferred until January 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reston District Police Station and Governmental Center: Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 74-2-113-4)/Development Plan Amendment (DPA 74-2-113-8)/PRC Plan PRC 74-2-113-2 and Feature Shown 2232-H11-18 has been accepted to allow for the construction of a new Reston District Police Station and Governmental Center with associated parking, located at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. (Tax Map # 017-1 ((1)), Parcel 4B. The new two-story building will be located on the west side of the site, directly south of Cameron Glen Drive. There will be an increase in both the secured and public parking, in addition to the relocation of the fuel island and sustainable development features. Demolition of the existing building will occur after the new facility is completely occupied and operational. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2012 @ 8:15 p.m. and the Board of Supervisor public hearing is set for February 28, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.**

CARS-DB1, LLC have filed rezoning applications for Dominion Square 1580, 1586 and 1592 Spring Hill Road: Tax Map 29-3((01)), Parcels 2C1, 2C2 and 2D to rezone from the Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. RZ 2011-HM-012 concurrent with RZ 2011-HM-013 proposes to redevelop multiple car dealerships into a vibrant, transit oriented mixed-use neighborhood with office, hotel, retail and residential uses. Included in the development will be five (5) residential buildings, a large public park/facility near the stream valley area to the south. The low-rise retail structures and multiple surface parking lots will be replaced with high-rise buildings and structured parking. Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Tysons West Residential, L.L.C. and JBG/Tysons Hotel, L.L.C. have filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application proposing to rezone the property from the General Industrial (I-5), Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner Urban Center (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The property is currently developed with the Sheraton Premier Hotel and the former Moore Cadillac/Hummer dealership. The Applicant seeks to transform the Property, referred to as "Promenade at Tysons West", into a walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood with a mix of residential, retail, office and hotel uses. The Property is located at Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 10D and 29-3 ((1)) 1B and 29-3 ((20)) C1. Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Q-R Spring Hill, LLC (Perseus Realty) has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application for 1577 Spring Hill Road, Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) Parcel 2F to rezone / Conceptual Development Plan to rezone the property from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of office, hotel, residential and retail development. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the southwest, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2G (Sunburst). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

RPB & M, LCC: 11401, 11403, 11407, 11411 & 11417 Sunset Hills Road, Reston: RPB & M, LLC has filed rezoning application **RZ 2010-HM-004 and Final Development Plan 2010-HM-008.** Planning staff is waiting for additional information from the Applicant regarding the 527 traffic analysis.



Land Use projects continued from previous page:

1587 Springhill Holdings, Inc. located at Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) 2G has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application to rezone from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. The property is currently developed with a motel and restaurant that were constructed in 1982. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of two office buildings and one residential building, all of which will have ground floor retail. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the northeast, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2F (Perseus Realty). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

JBG/RIC, L.L.C. and RIC Retail, L.L.C. (Reston Heights) 11800 & 11842 Sunrise Valley Drive: Tax Map 17-3((3)), Parcels 1C & 1D: has submitted a revised Planned Residential Community (PRC) plan PRC B-846-03 to previously approved plan for 145,000 square feet of above grade retail, 100,00 square feet of below grade retail, 428,225 square feet of office with 498 residential units. The revised plan does not change the density or use allocation. The plan proposes a new grocery and neighborhood retail into pedestrian friendly, urban-type streetscape with mid-rise residential above. **At the request of applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

Reston Spectrum LP, Tax Map 017-1 ((1)) Parcels 3K, 3P and 3Q: with a total acreage of 24.29 is seeking approval of Planned Residential Community (PRC) plan 86-C-121-04 for mixed use development. The three Land Bays will consist of the following: Land Bay A is planned for 546 dwelling units, 255 hotel rooms, 172,000 square feet of office and 62,500 square feet of retail uses; Land Bay B is planned for 643 dwelling units, 270 hotel rooms and 48,650 square feet of retail uses; and Land Bay C is planned for 237 residential uses and 134,896 square feet of retail and bank uses (84,000 square feet of this retail is currently existing and will be retained). **At the request of the Applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

RTC Partnership, LLC filed a Planned Residential Community plan (PRC 77-C-076) to remove the current office building known as the “Town Center Office Building” @ 1760 Reston Parkway, and redevelop a 23-story, Class A mixed-use office and retail building. The building will consist of approximately 413,700 square feet of office uses and approximately 5,200 square feet retail use, with a Floor Area Ratio of 4.08. Parking for the proposed building will feature both below – and above-grade parking spaces. The above ground portion of the parking will sit atop retail uses and will be screened with a context-sensitive façade treatment that will be harmoniously integrated in the office structure. **At the request of the Applicant, this application has been indefinitely deferred.**

Sunrise Valley Renovations (PRC –C -377): Renovations consist of constructing several small editions (administration suite, main entrance and cafeteria) at the front of the school to meet program requirements and at the rear of the school a library addition and a large single story classroom addition to replace the existing modular classroom structure. Site upgrades will include an expanded bus drop off area, a new kiss and ride access, additional parking and a new ADA access to the upper play fields.

Corinthian Colleges, Inc. d/b/a Everest College: Special Exception (SE 2011-HM-018) to operate a school of special education offering courses and training in Medical Assisting, Medical Administration Assisting, Medical Insurance Billing and Coding and Dental Assisting. The building will include classrooms, office for Staff, Faculty and Student Lounge and Learning Resource Center.

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., has submitted a Special Exception to permit a fast food restaurant in the South Lakes Village Shopping Center, located at 11160 G2 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA. The Applicant proposes to convert an existing 3,000 square feet vacant space into a Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant. The fast food restaurant will utilize the existing building façade, sidewalks, landscaping, utilities, stormwater management, loading area and parking area. The internal space will be reconstructed, Chipotle signage added to the front building façade, and a grease trap interceptor installed at the rear of the building.

Phase 2 Reston Master Plan Special Study Begins with Public Meeting



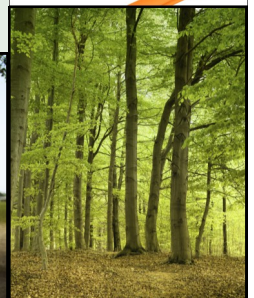
On Wednesday, November 16, 2011, approximately 150+ residents attended the informational meeting my office and the Department of Planning and Zoning hosted at South Lakes High School regarding Phase 2 of the Reston Master Plan Special Study.

The meeting outlined the process and timeframe for reviewing and updating the existing Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan guidance for preserving residential neighborhoods throughout Reston and for four of Reston's five Village Centers (Lake Anne was the subject of a recent Comprehensive Plan change and will not be reconsidered in this process). Attendees had an opportunity to review related maps and materials, and learn about the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, the Vision and Planning Principles adopted by the Task Force, and how they will be used in Phase 2. Additional community-wide meetings related to Phase 2 will be held in the first quarter of 2012. For further information about the Reston Master Plan Special Study, including announcements about future meetings, please visit the study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>

A Gift of Trees

Give the gift that will keep giving for years to come - a tree. Reforest Fairfax is providing "A Gift of Trees", where for \$35, five tree seedlings will be planted in Fairfax County by Fairfax ReLeaf during the next planting season in someone's honor. The gift includes: a gift card with your personal greeting, a gift certificate with the registration numbers of your trees, and access to an on-line locator tool to find where your lot numbers were planted.

Your gift will help Fairfax County meet its tree canopy goal. In 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a 30-60 year canopy goal to increase the County's tree cover to 45 percent. Right now, county-wide tree cover is about 40 percent. To give the gift of trees, visit www.fcrpp3.org/reforestfairfax/index.php



Do You Have Your Winter Weather Kit for Inclement Weather?

Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management recommends residents to prepare an emergency kit for possible winter weather emergencies and outages. They suggest preparing the following items:

- ◆ three days' food.
- ◆ three days' water (a gallon per person per day).
- ◆ a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries.
- ◆ a written family emergency plan.
- ◆ a first-aid kit.
- ◆ medications if needed.
- ◆ blankets and warm clothing.
- ◆ supplies for special member of your household.
- ◆ pet items.



And don't forget an emergency kit for the car. Include an emergency thermal blanket, snack food and water, matches, jumper cables, road salt and sand, and emergency flares. Additional information is available on the [Office of Emergency Management website](#).



Snow Removal in the Hunter Mill District

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is gearing up for the winter season in the Northern Virginia District. There have been several changes since last year's winter season planning. VDOT has increased the amount of snow removal equipment from 2,800 pieces to 3,400 pieces with 2500 dedicated for subdivisions/ local roads. Staff has allocated an additional \$19 million dollars to the Northern Virginia District for the winter season. As part of our yearly discussions, our office has requested Virginia Department of Transportation to restrain from dumping snow on trails, sidewalks, and bus stops.

One of the new innovations VDOT has added to snow plow trucks are automatic vehicle locators or AVLs. These devices enable staff to track snow plow trucks while working for quality assurance and increased flexibility for emergency situations. There are 1200 vehicles within the fleet that participate within the AVL pilot program. VDOT will introduce a new website that will allow the public to monitor truck locations within 6 minute intervals. This tool will be available when trucks will be plowing in subdivision/residential streets. VDOT will be developing a fact sheet in the coming weeks to address specific questions about the snow removal process. For additional information, please visit <http://www.virginiadot.org> or contact the Hunter Mill District office.

Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Committee

The Hunter Mill District Transportation Committee (HMD TAC) will be hosting their quarterly meeting on February 15 at the North County Governmental Building. Meetings begin at 8:00am. HMD TAC discusses the transportation issues affecting the Hunter Mill District with various transportation staff and agencies. Meetings are open to the public. If there are any questions, please contact Paul Davis at 703-478-5124.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Approves Memorandum of Agreement Concerning Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved the Memorandum of Agreement dealing with the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project phase II. Fairfax County staff has been in negotiations with Loudoun County, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, Commonwealth of Virginia, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the United States Department of Transportation.

Some major points of agreement include:

- MWAA agrees that Airport station will be an aerial station.
- USDOT agrees to provide up to \$30 million credit subsidy for TIFIA loans to be made to Fairfax, Loudoun, and MWAA. Fairfax and Loudoun may apply for the maximum amount of TIFIA credit assistance for which each will qualify based on their share of the total cost of the project, and MWAA will apply for the balance available.
- Fairfax and Loudoun agree to use their best efforts individually to find third party funding for the five garages (3 in Loudoun and 2 in Fairfax) and Route 28 station (Fairfax), but if and to the extent they are unable to do so, then whatever portion is not funded by third party revenues will be shared as currently providing the Funding Agreement.
- Virginia, Fairfax, Loudoun, WMATA, and MWAA agree to form a Coordinating Committee composed of their respective chief executive officers (including Fairfax's County Executive) to implement the MOA and to regularly monitor progress in planning, designing, and constructing Phase 2.

The MOA has been approved by MWAA Board of Directors and Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. The Dulles Corridor Phase I is over 50% percent complete spanning from Tysons Corner to Wiehle Avenue in Reston. Information about the agreement and other Dulles Corridor Metrorail project information will be posted at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/dullesmetro/>.



Need Help With Your Heating Bills this Winter?

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services is accepting applications for the Crisis Assistance Program. The **Crisis Assistance** program helps households in emergency situations by providing primary heat security deposits and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. The application period began Tuesday, November 1, 2011 and closes on Thursday, March 15, 2012.

How to apply: Request an application by calling 703-324-7604; TTY 703-222-9452, or pick one up at any of our Fairfax County Department of Family Services buildings. Complete the application and then fax it to 703-324-8242, or mail it to:

Fairfax County Department of Family Services
c/o Energy Assistance
12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232
Fairfax, VA 22035

Don't Wait. File Your Application Today. For more information, call the Department of Family Services' Energy Assistance phone line at 703-324-7604, TTY 703-222-9452. Emergency assistance may also be available through other sources in our community. To find out more, call the county's Coordinated Services Planning team at 703-222-0880 (TTY 711) during business hours. After hours, call 211.

CASA Volunteer Training

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) seeks volunteers to serve as court advocates for abused and neglected children. All training is provided. You must be at least 21 years of age. English speakers and bilingual speakers are welcome. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, please call 703-273-3526 ext.22, or email ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.



January is National Mentoring Month

In recognition of the National Mentoring Month, the Fairfax Partnership for Youth will focus the month of January on mentoring. They will offer programs for individuals and groups;

Mentoring 101 Basic Mentoring Training

Free training for people interested in an overview of how youth mentoring works, with no commitment, and people who have signed up with a one-on-one youth mentoring program and need basic mentoring training.

When: Wednesday, January 4th, from 6:30-8:30pm.

Details at: http://www.fairfaxyouth.org/event_1016.xml?document_id=1149

Introduction to Best Practices for Mentoring Programs

This free training provides an overview of the *Elements of Effective Practice* for mentoring programs, the nationally-recognized best practices, with emphasis on volunteer screening and monitoring. Groups or individuals interested in starting a mentoring program, and representatives from established programs looking for a refresher are encouraged to attend.

When: Tuesday, January 17th, from 6:30-8:30pm. Space is limited.

Details at: http://www.fairfaxyouth.org/event_1022.xml?document_id=1149

For additional information, contact the [Fairfax Partnership for Youth](#) at 703-324-5703

Congratulations!



Supervisor Hudgins Elected to VACO Presidency

At their annual convention in November, the membership of the **Virginia Association of Counties** selected Cathy Hudgins as the 2011-12 VACO president. Mason District Supervisor **Penny Gross** was named secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee and Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth** serves as VACO Board member. Supervisor Hudgins becomes the eighth VACO president to hail from Fairfax County. Former presidents include Gerald Connolly (2005), Katherine Hanley (1996), Martha Pennino (1989) Jim Scott (1979), Stuart DeBell (1964), and Wallace Carper (1952).

Vienna Youth Inc. Football Celebrates Winning Season

Last year, Vienna Youth Inc. (VYI) football program celebrated when two VYI teams won national championships. This year, five VYI teams were invited to the nationals tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida and three of five teams brought home the national championship crowns. The 75 American Cavaliers dominated Nashville BBB in the championship game, bring home the championship with a 32-0 victory. The 85 American Vienna Steelers and the 110 American Vienna Steelers both successfully defended their national titles won last year. The 85 American Steelers scored on the first play of the game and finished with a 32-0 victory. The 110 American Vienna Steelers persevered against strong teams from the Chicago area and Miami to add a second national championship to their resume. Congratulations to the teams, parents and league administrators!

Chris Shepherd of **South Lakes High School** has been selected for the United States Senate Youth Program. Designed for students seeking a career in public service, the program offers two student leaders from each state the opportunity to spend a week in Washington to experience the government in action. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by U.S. senators, cabinet members, officials from the U.S. Departments of State and Defense, and directors of federal agencies. They will also participate in a meeting with a justice of the Supreme Court.

Notices

First Mondays with Supervisor Hudgins:

January 9 - Patrick Henry Library, Vienna

February 6 - Reston Regional Library, Reston

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins holds First Monday each month to hear from you. First Monday hours are from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District office at **703-478-0283**, or email to hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Electric Sunday Recycling Event:

NO December Electric Sunday. Next date is January 29, 2012. Details in will in next month's HMH issue.

Safety Seat Saturday: December 17

Sheriff's deputies trained and certified in child safety seat inspection will help parents and caregivers ensure that a child fits securely in the safety seat and that the safety seat fits securely in the vehicle seat. Bring your vehicle and safety seat(s). Bring your child too! Safety Seat Saturday is held on the last Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fairfax County Public Safety Center, Public Parking Garage, 10550 Page Avenue, Fairfax. For further information on the Sheriff Department website